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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.

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For:

Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting

Bacteria, and a Diluent for Bacterial Stain

Examiner: Susan Marie Hanley

Group Art: 1651

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

SIR:

## RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 6, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.